



PRESIDENT YOUNG'S LETTER.

The baseball season for 1897 opens April 22 in every city but Boston. There the first game will be played April 19, which is a state holiday.

The outlook for the season is encouraging from a sporting and also from a financial viewpoint. The season of 1896 was a success and the season of 1897 promises even better.

tion, there should be an even greater improvement in the business of 1897.

There has been a steady improvement in baseball business from 1871 to the present time. The most prosperous season ever known in the old national league was 1889.

home team always has a little percentage in its favor. The players are more interested if they have an enthusiastic and encouraging audience of their friends.

There is perfect harmony among the leagues. The National league is satisfied because, as I said, the smaller leagues train players and provide out of them what the National league gets the finished product and not the raw material.

held the bill by the throat and choked its life out unless we gave them what they wanted.

"And so I say that the trusts and the corporations seeking high protection from foreign competition will have themselves alone to blame if they do not get all the protection they want.

"I think that the finance committee of the senate will be ready to report by May 1. I do not believe as some do that it will require longer than the committee to act.

"How long do you think that it will be in conference?" "I should say that it ought to get through the conference committee in two or three weeks."

"And become a law?" "By the last of July—the first of August at the latest."

A WONDERFUL MACHINE.

It Engraves a Hundred Thousand Lines to the Inch.

From the New York Tribune. The announcement was made a few days ago that a large "diffraction grating" spectroscope had just been finished at the shops of John A. Brashear in Allegheny, Pa.

The object of a spectroscope is to analyze light from a star, a nebula, the sun or some other luminous object. In this operation the image of a narrow slit is expanded sideways until it is converted into a long prismatic band or spectrum.

There are two kinds of gratings. One consists of glass, on whose surface a series of fine, parallel lines are ruled. The other is a highly polished metal plate, similarly engraved.

These latter figures represent rather the paper. Now, if we could split one of the very thinnest of these leaves into 200 layers of uniform thickness the product would be equivalent to 100,000 to the inch, or a little less than the number of lines in this spectroscopic grating.

It is stated, no doubt with truth, that the lines on this particular grating are so fine and so close together that there are 100,000 to the inch. A simple comparison will enable one easily to realize what this means.

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fact that it might be good policy to do this under certain conditions, they had to take into account the possibilities of accident.

But the weaker clubs have been recruited from the minor leagues and the present season shows plainly the value of the national agreement not only to the minor organizations but to the national league.

Interest in baseball is certainly increasing. I know that because I receive more letters all the time from people all over the country asking questions about baseball matters.

What managers are figuring on chiefly is the fact that there is no election this year to distract attention from baseball.

from the business altogether; and as most of the players are making a financial success of their chosen profession, they act very wisely in considering their own interests and obey the rules.

In spite of the fact that baseball has been placed on a business basis and salaries have been made reasonable and uniform, there are no such profits in the business as some people think.

These avaricious corporations don't care about revenue. Let them have their special lines of manufacture protected so high as to prevent all importations of the same line and they will be perfectly satisfied.

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Big Concerns Well Cared For.

Washington, Oct. Chicago Journal. "If the trusts and corporations and other big manufacturing industries don't get all the protection they want from this congress, the fault will be their own."

"The narrow majority the republicans will have for the bill will compel them to do the bidding of these corporations. You will find that there are senators bound firmly to favor some special industry in his particular locality.

"In this way every avaricious corporation working along such lines will be able to get every blessed cent of protection it wants. It will not be necessary for them to have the championship of a republican senator.

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